**Universal Periodic Review – 39th session**

**United Republic of Tanzania**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Geneva, 5 November 2021*

*(1 minute 10 seconds)*

*Mr/Ms President,*

Poland thanks the delegation of Tanzania for its participation in the UPR process.

We commend Tanzania on its efforts to decrease the number of reported attacks against persons with albinism. We believe more needs to be done in order to address root causes of such attacks.

We recommend to Tanzania to:

* Submit reports on the implementation of the core international human rights treaties that Tanzania is a Party to and to adhere or ratify the remaining ones;
* Take steps to promptly and effectively investigate and provide information on cases of arbitrary arrests and detention of political opponents, activists, protestors and dissenting journalists;
* Introduce amendments to the laws with a view to guarantee the right to education and to introduce 12 years of free primary and secondary education, of which 9 years were compulsory, and at least one year of free and compulsory pre-primary education, especially for girls and children with disabilities.

We express concerns about restrictions on the exercise of the rights to freedom of expression and of association and the right of peaceful assembly as well as with regard to the public access to information held by public authorities.

*Thank you.*